

REMARKS

I. Background

In this application, claims 1-12, 14-23, 25-37, 40, 41, 119, 122, 123, 126-148, 150, 152 and 153 are pending. Withdrawn claims 40 and 41 have now been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing the same through a subsequent continuation or divisional application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-12, 14-23, 25-37, 134, 152 and 153 have been rejected. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 119, 122, 123, 126-133, 135-148 and 150 are allowed; and that claim 134 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

By this amendment, claims 1-118, 120-121, 124-125, 149, and 151-153 have now been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing the same through a subsequent continuation or divisional application. Claim 134 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph by making it dependant from allowed claim 133.

Applicant submits that the above claim amendments do not add new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested. As a result of this amendment, all claims remaining in the application have been allowed.

Conclusion

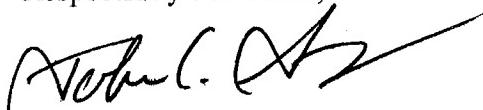
Pending claims 119, 122, 123, 126-133, 135-148 and 150 have been allowed by the Examiner.

Reconsideration and allowance of Claim 134 is now respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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